CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
January 3, 2022

REGULAR SESSION

Dennis M. Clark	P	
Becky Curtis	P	
Julie Ausmus	P	
Roy Estes	P	
Gina Reed Hibler (interim)	P	(joined Council after taking the oath of office)

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 3rd day of January 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Cameron City Hall. Mayor Dennis M. Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Dennis M. Clark presided with the following Councilmembers present: Becky Curtis, Julie Ausmus, and Roy Estes. Absent: None.

Present were Assistant City Manager Zac Johnson, Finance Director Carmen Weigand, Public Works Director Drew Bontrager, Community Development Director Tim Wymes, City Inspector Beckwith, Police Chief Bashor, Fire Chief O'Donnell, Attorney for the City Padraic Corcoran and City Clerk Shellie J. Blades.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with four in favor and zero opposed.

a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 6, 2021 Regular Session.

APPOINTMENTS

a. *Consideration of Interim Councilmember Applicants*: Barbara J. O'Connor, Virginia (Gina) Reed Hibler, J. Quinten Lovejoy and Juliana Arndt (Ms. Arndt was unable to attend due to COVID). Councilmembers discussed with Counselor Corcoran methods to proceed. Council also discussed the attributes they are looking for in the candidates. Council affirmed they had a great list of candidates to consider.

b. *Voting for Interim Councilmember*: Council decided to vote on the applicants in alphabetical order. Applicant Juliana Arndt received one vote from Mayor Clark. Applicant Gina Reed Hibler received one vote from Councilmember Ausmus. Applicant Quinten Lovejoy received one vote from Councilmember Curtis. Upon reflection, Councilmember Estes voted for Gina Reed Hibler. Applicant Barbara O'Connor did not receive any votes. Mayor Clark asked if anyone would like to reconsider their vote. Councilmember Curtis changed her vote to Gina Reed Hibler. Final tally of votes is as follows:

Juliana Arndt	=	1
Gina Reed Hibler	=	3
J. Quinten Lovejoy	=	0
Barbara J. O'Connor	=	0

c. Resolution 2022-1, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, SELECTING VIRGINIA (GINA) REED HIBLER AS AN INTERIM COUNCILMEMBER TO SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2022-1 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass Resolution 2022-1. Discussion. None. Resolution 2022-1 passed with a vote of four in favor and zero opposed.

d. *Oath of Office*: City Clerk Blades administered the Oath of Office to Interim Councilmember Gina Reed Hibler. Following the oath, Ms. Hibler joined Council as an active participant for the remainder of the meeting.

e. Library Board Appointments: Recommendations from the Library Board to reappoint Mary Bradford, Chris Eckert and Cynthia Conrad to the board were reviewed. Mayor Clark reappointed all three applicants to the board which was approved unanimously by the Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant City Manager Johnson:

- ✓ Gave Council an update on the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission project. Bids for the project were opened on December 20th and overall the bids came in approximately $10 million under engineer's estimates. Contractor BRB won the bid for building the pipeline, Irvinbilt took the bid for the pump station and Caldwell Tanks the bid for the elevated storage tank. Notice of award will occur at the end of January or first of February.
- ✓ Directed Council to review the document included in their packet for Community Development Director Wymes regarding recent business licenses, new businesses and business that have relocated within the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2021-46, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, UPDATING ARTICLE II, GENERAL BUSINESS LICENSE, ARTICLE VII, PEDDLER, SOLICITOR AND ITINERANT VENDOR LICENSE, AND CREATING ARTICLE XI, FOOD TRUCKS, IN CHAPTER 6, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2021-46 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes to pass said bill on second reading by Roll Call. Discussion. None. "Aye": Councilmembers: Clark, Curtis, Ausmus, Estes and Hibler. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6213**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2021-50, **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI ESTABLISHING A POLICY TO RECEIVE THE CITY'S PERMISSION TO PLACE CERTAIN SIGNS ON SAFETY BARRICADES ERECTED IN DOWNTOWN CAMERON FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE PUBLIC FROM THE POTENTIAL COLLAPSE OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN DOWNTOWN CAMERON** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2021-50 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass Resolution 2021-50. Discussion. Assistant City Manager Johnson stated that staff as well as Insurance Representative Mark Baker met with the City's insurance carrier, MIRMA, regarding the barricades. Additional considerations were requested and will be accommodated such as closing off parking areas and sidewalks and adding specified signage. City Inspector Beckwith stated the barricades will be brought up to federal standards at an additional cost of $5,800. Councilmember Ausmus inquired about the Historical Preservation Society's 5-year plan and inquired if the City could be reimbursed for their expenses on the barricades if there ends up being monies unspent by the HPS. Councilmember Estes asked if the City would have had to build the barricades regardless of whether the buildings were demolished or repaired. Councilmember Ausmus responded that the area would be a parking lot if not for the renovation plan. Councilmember Curtis asked Mark Baker about whether the City's sovereign immunity will be compromised by these plans. Mr. Baker didn't think the presence or absence of signs on barricades changes the City's exposure much. Assistant City Manager Johnson and Counselor Corcoran relayed that if Council wanted to revisit their agreement with HPS that it would be a separate action from this Resolution which is just setting a general policy for this type of barricade and the availability of putting signs on it. Counselor Corcoran also noted that passing this Resolution would mean that the HPS could then submit a sign plan for the barricades that the City Inspector would review, it does not mean that signs would be placed tomorrow. Councilmember Hibler asked if artwork is considered signage. Counselor Corcoran reviewed the City's sign ordinance and confirmed that artwork is considered signage and if placed on the barricades it would have to following the size standards. Resolution 2021-50 passed with a unanimous voice vote. Following the vote, Councilmember Ausmus stated she would speak to City Manager Rasmussen about possibly amending the HPS agreement.

Public Hearing – Service Lines: At 6:42 p.m. a motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes to enter into a public hearing to discuss service lines. Motion passed by roll call vote: "Ayes:" Councilmembers Clark, Curtis, Ausmus, Estes & Hibler. "Nays:" none.

Assistant Manager Johnson gave a recap of the various programs that have been presented over the last several months; maintaining the status quo, the National League of Cities opt-in program, private insurance programs and a new plan for the City to take over lines from the mains to the meters. The hope is that after the public hearing, Council will be ready to move forward with a possible decision on which avenue to pursue at the next meeting.

Barbara J. O'Connor of 808 S. Chestnut asked if it would be possible to do a cost-share program with customers similar to the sidewalk program where the costs are split with homeowners as budget funds allow.

Councilmember Ausmus inquired if any information on service line responsibility is distributed to new residents. City Clerk Blades stated not currently but it could certainly be easily added. Manager Johnson stated that we can definitely do a better job of educating the public.

Councilmember Curtis inquired approximately how many service line breaks there are a year. Manager Johnson stated that based on calls for locates, about 45 per year, however, those locate requests don't relay if a break is before or after the meter. Discussion ensued regarding line loss within the City and the costs to all residents for this problem. Councilmember Estes is concerned with the rate increases coming due to the GNWWC project that customers can't afford an additional $30-$40 per month to pay for a line replacement program.

Councilmember Curtis feels this topic should be included in the goal setting sessions held annually to plan a solution. When asked about the downside of the opt-in program, Manager Johnson responded that the NLC would determine who does the repairs, not the homeowner. Discussion regarding the cost of the programs and the upcoming rate increases due to GNWWC followed. Mayor Clark talked about large bills to customers due to breaks and the need to reduce the City's line loss. Councilmember Hibler inquired if the City knows where some of these long service lines are. Manager Johnson stated we have put in new mains and offered the customers in the area to hook up to them but they decline if not currently experiencing a problem. Councilmember Hibler feels that these problems could be greatly reduced overtime with a good education program for the City's customers.

At 7:07 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes the public hearing ended by roll call vote: "Ayes:" Councilmembers Clark, Curtis, Ausmus, Estes and Hibler. "Nays:" none.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2022-1, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON 5 APRIL 2022, FIXING THE POLLING PLACES OF SAID ELECTION, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE BALLOTS TO BE PRINTED AND ELECTION SUPPLIES PROCURED FOR SAID ELECTION (THREE-YEAR TERM)** was read by title on first reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2022-1 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Clerk Blades informed Council that candidate BJ Reed withdrew from the election on December 30th, just after the packets went out. An updated Ordinance, removing her name from the ballot, is being presented for first reading. Bill 2022-1 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2022-2, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON 5 APRIL 2022, FIXING THE POLLING PLACES OF SAID ELECTION, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE BALLOTS TO BE PRINTED AND ELECTION SUPPLIES PROCURED FOR SAID ELECTION (TWO-YEAR TERM)** was read by title on first reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2022-2 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2022-2 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2022-3, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, IMPOSING A USE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING, IMPROVING, CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE RATE EQUAL TO THE TOTAL LOCAL SALES TAXES IN EFFECT FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF STORING, USING OR CONSUMING WITHIN THE CITY ANY ARTICLE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 144.600 THROUGH 144.761 RSMo; PROVIDING FOR THE USE TAX TO BE REPEALED, REDUCED OR RAISED IN THE SAME AMOUNT AS ANY CITY SALES TAX IS REPEALED, REDUCED OR RAISED; AND PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSAL TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CAMERON FOR THEIR APPROVAL AT THE GENERAL ELECTION CALLED AND TO BE HELD ON APRIL 5, 2022** was read by title on first reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2022-3 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Assistant City Manager Johnson explained this Bill would authorize placing the Use Tax on the April ballot for voter approval. Councilmembers asked about the difference between a use tax and sales tax. A use tax is a tax on vendors outside the State of Missouri such as through online, catalog or phone sales versus a sales tax which is for sales occurring within the State of Missouri. Counselor Corcoran talked about whether a use tax is a new tax or not and also discussed the implications for construction materials when purchased out of state. Councilmember Curtis inquired about the timing of the vote in April. Mayor Clark stated the Council is just making it available for the voters to decide. Discussion ensued about the increasing prevalence of online sales. Mayor Clark said its about needing to provide services to our citizens and being able to fund them. Councilmember Hibler doesn't like the idea that we need more money so we ask for a tax but she also thinks it's unfair that online vendors don't have to charge sales tax when our local businesses do. Councilmember Hibler asked about the advantages of the different voting opportunities. City Clerk Blades explained there is a possibility that the April and August elections don't have much if any other measures on the ballot which would mean the City would have to pay for the entire election. November elections generally have several items on them and the different jurisdictions split the bill for the cost of the elections. Bill 2022-3 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2022-4, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT (TEAP050)** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2022-4 were available for the public. Motion was made by

Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager explained both this Bill and the next deal with a grant and traffic study for the US Highway 36 corridor at Bob F. Griffin Road. Mike O'Donnell and the Community Improvement District at US 36/BFG Rd submitted the grant application which is sponsored by the City of Cameron. The grant application was successful and the CID will receive $12,000 for a traffic study to be conducted by Bartlett and West (the next Bill). Bartlett and West have been preapproved by MoDOT and any matching funds required by the grant will be from the CID, not from the City. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading by Roll Call vote. Discussion. None. "Aye": Councilmembers: Clark, Curtis, Ausmus, Estes and Hibler. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6214**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2022-5, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARTLETT & WEST, INC. FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY AT US 36 & BOB F. GRIFFIN ROAD** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2022-5 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading by Roll Call vote. Discussion. None. "Aye": Councilmembers: Clark, Curtis, Ausmus, Estes and Hibler. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6215**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Resolution 2022-2, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SCOTT SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) BY THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI FROM MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES TO BE USED BY THE CAMERON FIRE DEPARTMENT** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2022-2 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes to pass Resolution 2022-2. Discussion. Fire Chief O'Donnell explained that replacing SCBA units is part of his 5-year plan. He originally planned to purchase five SCBAs, however, skyrocketing costs caused him to reduce the number to four. This is a budgeted expense and will be paid through the Fire Department sales tax. Resolution 2022-2 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2022-3, **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI APPROVING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT ONE (1) FOR THE BUDGET YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2022-3 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes to pass Resolution 2022-3. Discussion. Finance Director Weigand explained the adjustments included were presented to the Finance Committee and include additional expenses for curbside recycling due to not having work release crews. A temporary rate increase for this service has also been suggested to recoup fund that have been

expended. A reduction in revenues of $6,000 due to the vacation of the NITRO Task Force from the City's offices is included. Also included is an additional $50,000 for litigation costs. These costs are estimated and may be more as the year goes on. Also requested is an increase in the administration travel and training budget which was cut almost in half during the budgeting process. Lastly, there was $27,000 from last year's budget for a bridge at the reservoir that was not spent last fiscal year and project is expected to be completed this budget year. Finance Director Weigand stated the net effect to the General is approximately $88,000.

Councilmember Curtis inquired about the COVID monies received. City Accountant Jim Shrimpton replied that the City did receive CARES monies through the counties which went to repair a lift station that was damaged, some funds went to the electric department and the remaining funds went to the general fund.

Councilmember Ausmus made a motion to remove $27,000 from the budget adjustment for the bridge at the reservoir due to the litigation expenses and because repairs/expenses will be forthcoming for the Public Works garage. Councilmember Curtis seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with the City Clerk and Counselor Corcoran between amending and approving the budget adjustment at tonight's meeting versus amending the Resolution and bringing it back at the next meeting for approval. ***Councilmember Ausmus retracted her motion and Councilmember Curtis retracted her 2nd***.

Councilmember Ausmus made a motion to have staff amend the Budget Adjustment Resolution in substantially similar form as it was presented on 1/03/2022 except for removing $27,000 from reserves for a bridge at the reservoir and to present said amended Budget Adjustment Resolution to Council at the next regular meeting. Councilmember Curtis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2022-4, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, STATING INTENT TO SEEK FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE FUNDING** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2022-4 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes to pass Resolution 2022-4. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager explained this Resolution affirms Council's intent to seek CDBG funding for the Harris Street project for an 80/20 grant of $500,000. The matching portion of the grant will be paid by the Transportation Sales Tax fund. Resolution 2022-4 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2022-5, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, ACCEPTING THE BIDS FOR THE VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL SITES** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2022-5 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes to pass Resolution 2022-5. Discussion. Director Bontrager advised the City has several agriculture sites for hay ground and limited row crop. Bids were solicited and received. The agreements are for one-year leases with an option for three additional one-year terms. Duke Allen was the successful bidder for the airport ground for $25,110. Shane Rohde is the bidder for the closed landfill site for $1,230. Heldenbrand Farms received the bid for the City yard at $150 as well as the Business Park for $24,786. Resolution 2022-5 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

Mark Garges, 315 Oak – Noted a discrepancy for the election date on the Bills for the general election. Upon review, the cover letter of the Bills had an incorrect date but the actual Bill had the correct date for the election.

MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

City Clerk Blades:

- Noted that City Hall will be closed on January 17th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and thus, the next City Council Meeting will be Tuesday, January 18th.

Community Development Director Wymes:

- Reminded Council that Great Northwest Day at the Capitol is February 1st & 2nd if any are interested in attending.

Public Works Director Bontrager:

- Noted that the agriculture land behind Wal-Mart did not receive any bids and the City still needs to find someone to mow it.
- Gave kudos to the Street Department for their snow removal efforts over the weekend while short-staffed and with equipment problems.

MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Hibler:

- Thanked Council for the opportunity to serve.

Councilmember Ausmus:

- Thanked all the candidates for submitted resumes and for being willing to serve.

Councilmember Curtis:

- Ditto'd Councilmember Ausmus' comments and thanked her fellow Councilmember for coming together and making an appointment to the Council tonight.

Councilmember Estes:

- Go Chiefs!

Mayor Clark:

- Also thanked all the candidates for their willingness to serve.

On motion made by Councilmember Estes and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus, Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. by roll call vote to discuss Attorney-Client Communications [RSMo 610.021(1)]. "Ayes:" Councilmembers Clark, Curtis, Ausmus, Estes & Hibler. "Nay:" none.

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There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Estes and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk